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CAIR Offers Condolences on Passing of Minnesota Attorney General Keith Ellison's Mother Due to COVID-19



[Ibrahim Hooper](#) [April 18, 2020](#) [9:53 am](#)

(WASHINGTON, D.C., 4/18/20) - The Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR), the nation's largest Muslim civil rights and advocacy organization, today offered condolences on the passing of Clida Ellison, the mother of Minnesota Attorney General Keith Ellison, due to COVID-19 complications. She passed away on March 26 at the age of 82.

"We offer our sincere condolences to the family and loved ones of Clida Ellison," said **CAIR National Executive Director Nihad Awad**. "As described by her children, she was a child advocate, social worker and loving mother. We pray for ease for the families who must say goodbye to loved ones due to this deadly virus. To God we belong, and to Him is our return."

Jeremiah Ellison, a Minneapolis city council member and the attorney general's son, wrote a New York Times op-ed about his mother contracting the virus and the difficulties the current pandemic had on funeral arrangements.

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SEE: 'Woe Is You,' White People Keep Telling Us

<https://www.nytimes.com/2020/04/15/opinion/coronavirus-african-americans-inequality.html>

Clida earned a master's degree in social work at 57 and worked in the juvenile division of Michigan's Third Circuit Court for 20 years. Jeremiah Ellison said her funeral would have been packed if it was outside of the circumstance of social distancing.

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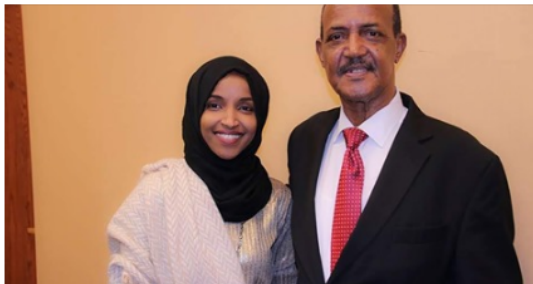
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U.S. Rep. Ilhan Omar's father, Nur Omar Mohamed, dies of COVID-19 complications - Sahan Journal

by Ibrahim Hooper on June 16, 2020 at 2:35 pm

(WASHINGTON, D.C., 6/16/20) - The Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR), the nation's largest Muslim civil rights and advocacy organization, today offered condolences on the passing of Nur Omar Mohamed, the father of Minnesota Congresswoman Ilhan Omar (D) who died Monday from complications related to COVID-19 infection.

SEE: U.S. Rep. Ilhan Omar's Father, Nur Omar Mohamed, Dies of COVID-19 Complications

<https://sahanjournal.com/health/u-s-rep-ilhan-omars-father-nur-omar-mohamed-dies-of-covid-19-complications/>

"We offer our sincere condolences to Representative Omar and to all the family and loved ones of Nur Omar Mohamed. To God we belong and to Him we return," said **CAIR National Executive Director Nihad Awad**. "We must all do whatever we can to stem this ongoing pandemic that continues to tragically impact so many families nationwide."

In a **tweet**, Awad said: "May Allah SWT bless his soul and accept in paradise. May He SWT reward him for all the good he did in his life and for raising an amazing person like you."

"We send our condolences to Congresswoman Ilhan Omar and her entire family. We offer our deepest sympathies to all the family and loved ones of Nur Omar Mohamed at this time," said **Jaylani Hussein**, CAIR-

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"We send our condolences to Congresswoman Ilhan Omar and her entire family. We pray for her father and her family in this time," said **Jaylani Hussein, CAIR-Minnesota's executive director**.

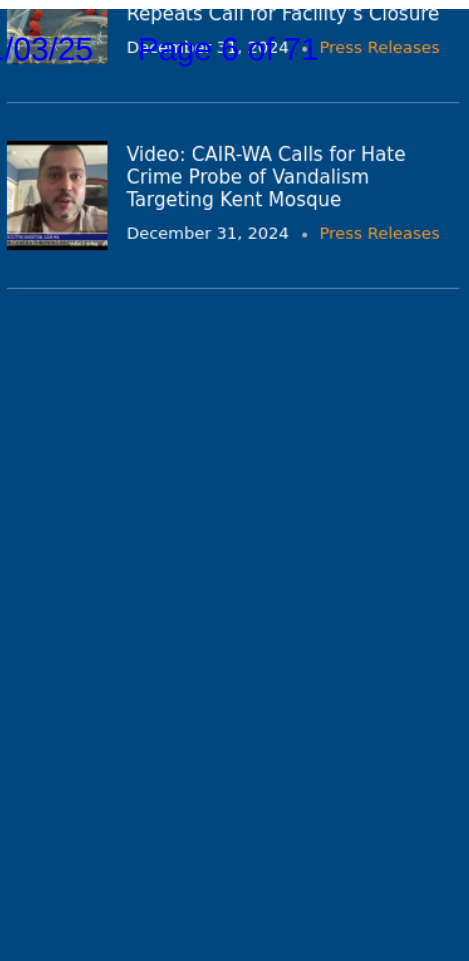
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CAIR Condemns Increasing Death Threats Targeting Rep. Ilhan Omar

**Ilhan Omar** @IlhanMN · 15h

TW: Every time I speak out on human rights I am inundated with death threats. Here is one we just got.

"Muslims are terrorists. And she is a raghead n****. And every anti-American communist piece of s*** that works for her, I hope you get what's f***ing coming for you."



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Ibrahim Hooper June 10, 2021 12:07 pm

Civil rights group rebukes 'disingenuous and dangerous' Islamophobic smears against Minnesota congresswoman

(WASHINGTON, DC - 6/10/2021) – The Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR), the nation's largest Muslim civil rights and advocacy organization, today strongly condemned a dozen House Democrats for joining far-right voices in smearing Rep. Ilhan Omar after she criticized human rights violations that our government and other actors have committed in the Middle East.

SEE: <https://twitter.com/IlhanMN/status/1402790912623845378>

CAIR also condemned a surge in death threats against the Minnesota congresswoman, and called on Capitol Police to ensure it is doing everything possible to protect her from extremist actors.

In a statement, **CAIR National Deputy Director Edward Ahmed Mitchell** said:

"We strongly condemn the latest death threats against Rep. Ilhan Omar, as well as the latest disingenuous and dangerous smear campaign against her.

"Although we expect far-right, Islamophobic voices to target Rep. Omar for speaking up on human rights, it is shameful for her own colleagues in the House to join them in doing so."

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"Rep. Omar stated an indisputable fact: various actors in the Middle East, including our own government, have committed atrocities and should face accountability for their conduct in the appropriate international forums. There is nothing 'prejudiced' about this observation.

"This obsession with misconstruing Rep. Omar's words and smearing her has little to do with what she says and more to do with who she is: an outspoken Black, visibly Muslim woman who vocally condemns human rights violations, regardless of the perpetrator.

"Enough is enough. House Democrats should stop endangering Ilhan Omar for telling the truth and start demanding justice for all people."

Three weeks ago, CAIR [called on congressional leaders](#) to condemn the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC) for running anti-Muslim ads targeting Rep. Ilhan Omar and other congressional colleagues who voiced opposition to Israel's most recent war crimes in Gaza.

Instead, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and Majority Leader Steny Hoyer [lightly criticized the ads](#) while reiterating support of Israel. In Rep. [Hoyer's case](#), he went so far as to provide AIPAC strategic advice on "making the case to the American people" on behalf of Israel.

AIPAC's paid advertisement on Facebook displays an image of Omar with rockets raining down on Israel in the background. The image falsely claims that Omar said that when Israel targets Hamas, it's an "act of terrorism."

Omar actually stated that Israeli airstrikes killing civilians in Gaza is an act of terrorism and that Palestinians deserve protection.

SEE: [CAIR Calls on Congressional Leaders to Condemn AIPAC, Marjorie Taylor Greene for Islamophobic Attacks and Incitement Against Rep. Ilhan Omar](#)

SEE: [Washington Post: Facebook won't take down an ad that Rep. Ilhan Omar's office says could lead to harassment and death threats](#)

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CAIR Calls on Minn. National Guard to Reject Trump's 'Racist and Illegal Threat,' Encourages Suspension of President's Twitter Account



Donald J. Trump
@realDonaldTrump

This Tweet violated the Twitter Rules about glorifying violence. However, Twitter has determined that it may be in the public's interest for the Tweet to remain accessible. [Learn more](#)

....These THUGS are dishonoring the memory of George Floyd, and I won't let that happen. Just spoke to Governor Tim Walz and told him that the Military is with him all the way. Any difficulty and we will assume control but, when the looting starts, the shooting starts. Thank you!

6:53 am · 29 May 2020 · Twitter for iPhone

👤 Ibrahim Hooper 🕒 May 29, 2020 ⌚ 11:39 am

TAKE ACTION: Demand Twitter Shut Down Trump's Racist Account

(WASHINGTON, DC - 5/29/2020) - The Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR), the nation's largest Muslim civil rights and advocacy organization, today condemned President Trump's "racist threat of violence" against protesters, called for the suspension of both his and the White House's Twitter accounts, and encouraged the Minnesota National Guard to affirm that it will disobey any unlawful orders to harm protesters.

Amid protests and unrest in Minneapolis last night, President Trump posted a tweet that condemned "thugs" for "looting" in Minneapolis, threatened to intervene with the National Guard, and declared "when the looting starts, the shooting will start."

In response, Twitter restricted the visibility of the post for "glorifying violence" in violation of its rules, but allowed the tweet to remain accessible of "public interest." The official White House Twitter account then posted the same quote from President Trump.

CAIR Calls on Minn. National Guard to Reject Trump's Threat to Shoot Minneapolis Protesters

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SEE: Twitter Restricts Access to Trump's Threat to Shoot Minneapolis Protesters

<https://theintercept.com/2020/05/29/twitter-restricts-access-trumps-threat-shoot-minneapolis-protesters/>

In a statement, **CAIR National Deputy Executive Director Edward Ahmed Mitchell** said:

"President Trump's threat to shoot 'thugs' for 'looting' in Minneapolis was a blatantly racist call to violence worthy of Bull Connor.

"As despicable as President Trump's words were, no one should be surprised that the man who praised neo-Confederates, neo-Nazis and other armed white militants is now smearing and threatening unarmed black protesters.

"The Minnesota National Guard should publicly affirm that it will not obey such unlawful orders, and Twitter should suspend the accounts of both the White House and President Trump for posting this racist threat of violence."

[NOTE: "Bull" Connor was an Alabama official who sparked outrage nationwide by permitting and directing brutal violence against civil rights activists in the Birmingham during the 1960s.]

CAIR also noted that Trump's use of the word "THUGS" is a [race-coded word](#) that bigoted politicians use to negatively describe African-American protestors.

In 2015, following the death of African-American Baltimore resident Freddie Grey and city wide protests Trump posted a [similar racist tweet](#): "Our great African American president hasn't exactly had a positive impact on the thugs who are so happily and openly destroying Baltimore."

Last July, CAIR and the Maryland State Conference of the NAACP (NAACP MSC) [denounced](#) Trump's racist tweets labeling Baltimore a "disgusting, rat and rodent infested, dangerous and filthy mess" and claiming that "no human being would want to live there."

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CAIR-Minnesota to Urge Minneapolis City Council to Allow 5-Daily Calls to Prayer



Ibrahim Hooper April 12, 2023 2:00 pm

(MINNEAPOLIS, MN, 4/12/23) - On Thursday, April 13, the Minnesota chapter of the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR-Minnesota), as well as Dar Al Hijrah Mosque leaders and faith leaders from across the state, will attend the Minneapolis City Council meeting during which the council will vote on a noise ordinance change that would allow for the Islamic call to prayer to be broadcast from loudspeakers for all five daily prayers in Minneapolis.

Backgrounder:

SEE: Minneapolis City Council poised to vote on allowing a full daily set of Muslim prayer calls

The adhan, five times a day: Minneapolis City Council poised to vote on allowing a full daily set of Muslim prayer calls year-round

Councilwoman Chughtai's resolution to amend the noise ordinance passed the Public Health and Safety Committee meeting on Wednesday, March 29. The resolution seeks to modify the noise violation exemption related to sounds associated with religious worship to allow for all five daily prayers to be called, as the current ordinance only permits three prayer calls.

SEE: Noise Ordinance Change

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SEE: The agenda for the City Council meeting:

<https://lims.minneapolismn.gov/Agenda/Council/3822>

WHAT: Minneapolis City Council Meeting

WHEN: Thursday April 13Th 9:30 a.m.

WHERE: Minneapolis City Hall, 350 S. 5th Street, Minneapolis, MN 55415

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👤 Ibrahim Hooper 🕒 April 25, 2021 ⌚ 8:16 pm

(MINNEAPOLIS, MN, 4/25/21) - The Minnesota chapter of the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR-MN) today called on local, state and federal law enforcement authorities to investigate anti-Muslim, neo-Nazi and racist graffiti sprayed on a mosque in Moorhead, Minn., as a hate crime.

Officials with the Moorhead-Fargo Islamic Community Center reported to CAIR-MN that vandals overnight spray-painted hate messages such as "Death to Islam," F**k Islam, "N**ger," and a Nazi swastika on and near the mosque. A window of the mosque was also broken. Police have released a photo of the suspect. The FBI is assisting in the case.

PHOTOS OF VANDALISM:

<https://www.cair.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/MnMosque.png>

Suspect photos released after Moorhead Fargo Islamic Center vandalized with hate speech

<https://www.inforum.com/news/crime-and-courts/7000485-Moorhead-Fargo-Islamic-Center-vandalized-with-hate-speech>

FBI investigating vandalism at Moorhead Mosque

<https://www.kfyrvtv.com/2021/04/25/fbi-investigating-vandalism-at-moorhead-mosque/>

CAIR-MN also called on state lawmakers to pass a bill updating Minnesota's hate crime legislation. A Minnesota House committee moved forward a bill (HF 1691) to update the state's hate crime statutes to allow community organizations to report hate crimes to the Department of Human Rights, update police training to respond to hate crimes and treat hateful graffiti as a hate crime.

SEE: Minnesota House pushes to update hate crime laws

<https://www.duluthnewtribune.com/news/government-and-politics/6954983-Minnesota-House-pushes-to-update-hate-crime-laws>

"We call on local, state and federal law enforcement authorities to investigate this disturbing attack as a hate crime and to devote all resources necessary to bring the perpetrators to justice," said **CAIR-MN Executive Director Jaylani Hussein**. "Our

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He noted that tomorrow, CAIR will hold a virtual news conference to release its latest national report on the civil rights of American Muslims, titled "Resilience in the Face of Hate."

WHEN: Monday, April 26 at 12:30 p.m. ET



WHERE: <https://www.facebook.com/CAIRNational>

SEE: [CAIR to Issue Report Detailing 6000+ American Muslim Civil Rights Complaints](#)

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CAIR-Minnesota Calls for Community Support After St. Paul Mosque Vandalized Multiple Times



Ibrahim Hooper October 13, 2020 10:36 am

(MINNEAPOLIS, MN, 10/13/20) - The Minnesota chapter of the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR-Minnesota) today is seeking community support for St. Paul's Dar Uloom Islamic Center, a mosque that has been vandalized multiple times this summer, starting on June 15.

MEDIA NOTE: Media availability on Tuesday from 12-2 pm CDT at the mosque located at 977 5th St E, St. Paul, MN 55106

The vandalism on June 15th caused over \$20,000 in damages at the mosque's school building. On August 24, the front door was broken and vandalized. After repairing the door that day, vandals broke the door down again the next night on August 25th. Cars in the private parking lot were also broken into and vandalized.

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In a statement, **CAIR-Minnesota Executive Director Jaylani Hussein** said:

"We are not concerned about residents in the immediate neighborhood around Dar Uloom Islamic Center, who have been friendly and supportive of their local mosque. We suspect that extremists outside of the community are committing these hateful acts."

"Mosques in Minnesota have been targeted with bombings, vandalism and more. Since 2016, we have seen an increase in other Islamophobic threats and attacks. We cannot accept these assaults on mosques that intend to intimidate Muslims and the Dar Uloom Islamic Center community. We will not be intimidated, and we will not stop our worship."

To support the Dar Uloom Islamic Center, please visit their GoFundMe page [here](#).

GO TO: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/support-dar-uloom-islamic-center>

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CAIR-Minnesota Calls for Hate Crime Probe of Vandalism Targeting Mosque, Muslim Business



Ibrahim Hooper March 5, 2020 4:26 pm

(MINNEAPOLIS, MN, 3/5/20) – The Minnesota chapter of the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR-Minnesota) today called on law enforcement authorities to investigate a possible vandalism targeting Masjid Al Nur and a Muslim-owned business in Minneapolis.

On Thursday morning, similar hate messages – including “F*** Allah” – were found spray-painted at each site.

PHOTOS OF VANDALISM:

<https://www.cair.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/mn-mosque.png>

<https://www.cair.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/mn-business.png>

“Sadly, these incidents have become all too common in Minnesota. We urge local, state and federal law enforcement authorities to investigate the apparent bias motive for this vandalism and for elected leaders to denounce hateful rhetoric fueling hate in our state and nation,” said **CAIR-Minnesota Executive Director Jaylani Hussein**.

Hussein added that he appreciates the quick response from the Minneapolis Police Department. Anyone who has any information can contact the Minneapolis Police Department.

He added 2019 was a record year for incidents targeting Mosques and Muslim Business in Minnesota.

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A LaunchGood Donation Page Set Has Been Set Up for the Mosque:

https://www.launchgood.com/campaign/support_masjid_annur#/

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Vandalism at Minnesota Mosque Being Investigated as Hate Crime, Police Say

<https://abcnews.go.com/US/vandalism-minnesota-mosque-investigated-hate-crime-police/story?id=67882085>

Minnesota Priest Apologizes for Calling Muslims a 'Threat'

<https://apnews.com/14ff9e6e9e7f884086e7e629b6d6eab0>

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Ibrahim Hooper December 9, 2020 3:24 pm

(ST. PAUL, MN, 12/9/20) - Later today, Wednesday, Dec. 9, the Minnesota chapter of the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR-MN) will host a news conference response in St. Paul with faith and community leaders to react to a verdict in the 2017 bombing of Dar Al Farooq Islamic Center.

SEE: Michael Hari Found Guilty On All 5 Counts In Bloomington Mosque Bombing

<https://minnesota.cbslocal.com/2020/12/09/michael-hari-found-guilty-on-all-5-counts-in-bloomington-mosque-bombing/>

WHAT: Community response to verdict in 2017 bombing of Minnesota's Dar Al Farooq Islamic Center.

WHEN: December 9th at 3 p.m.

WHERE: Outside of Federal Court House building, 100 Federal Building, 316 Robert St N, St Paul, MN 55101

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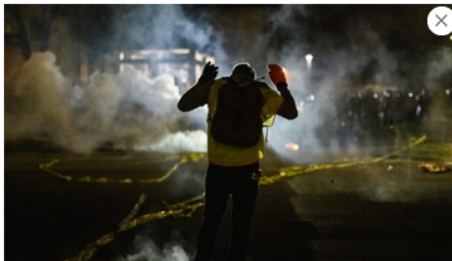
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USATODAY.COM
'This is murder': Outrage builds over death of Daunte Wright in traffic stop; police chief says officer...

Ibrahim Hooper April 12, 2021 6:10 pm

UPDATE: Gov. Walz sets 7 p.m. curfew in Hennepin, Ramsey, Anoka, Dakota counties (Star Tribune)

Those traveling to and from religious services are also exempt from the curfew, an exception clarified after the **Minnesota Chapter of the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR)** issued a statement condemning officials for preventing prayer gatherings on the first night of Ramadan.

(MINNEAPOLIS, MN - 4/12/2021) – The Minnesota chapter of the Council on American-Islamic Relations today criticized the City of St. Paul-Minneapolis' decision to impose a curfew on the first night of Ramadan without consulting Muslim community leaders and called on city officials to add an exception for religious purposes.

In a statement, **CAIR-Minnesota Executive Director Jaylani Hussein** said:

"By imposing a city-wide curfew on the very first night of Ramadan without consulting Minneapolis Muslim leaders, our leaders have undermined the community's trust and violated the Constitution. Public officials must amend the curfew in order to respect freedom of religion, including the right to gather and worship during Ramadan."

In a statement, CAIR-Minnesota Deputy Director Mohamed Ibrahim said:

"On the eve of Ramadan, our community has been traumatized by the trial of Derik Chauvin and now the murder of Dante Wright. Nothing can bring solace and hope tonight better than gathering with our fellow Muslim community members in prayer."

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Earlier today, CAIR-Minnesota called for the immediate termination of the Brooklyn City police officer who shot and killed Daunte Wright during a traffic stop on April 11.

SEE: CAIR-Minnesota Calls for Firing and Prosecution of Officer Who Killed Daunte Wright

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MINN. police officer who shot Daunte Wright apparently meant to use Taser but accidentally fired gun, police chief says

Civil rights group also condemns police abuse of protesters, and demands resignations of city manager and police chief. (MINNEAPOLIS, MN, 4/12/2021) -- The Minnesota chapter and national office of the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) today called for the immediate termination of the Brooklyn City police officer who shot and killed Daunte Wright during ... Continue reading



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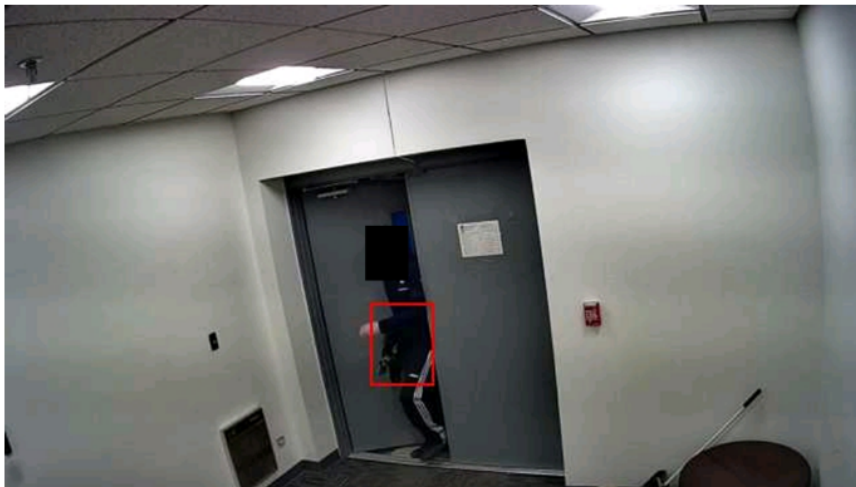


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CAIR-MN to Respond to St. Paul Mosque Vandalism, Call for Info From Community



Ibrahim Hooper May 22, 2022 10:11 pm

(MINNEAPOLIS, MN, 5/22/22) - On Monday, May 23, the Minnesota chapter of the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR-MN) will hold a media availability to respond to vandalism targeting a St. Paul mosque and to seek the community's help in apprehending the alleged perpetrator.

Dawah Mosque (Masjid Dawah) vandalized early Saturday morning. A white male suspect is seen on security cameras of the mosque breaking and entering, damaging doors and stealing construction equipment. Estimates of equipment stolen are over \$20,000.

St Paul police are investigating and say there is no clear indication of a bias motive for the incident. They and CAIR-MN are asking for help from community to report any information about the incident.

Video: Minnesota Mosque Vandalized



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PHOTO OF ALLEGED VANDAL.

WHAT: Community Response to St. Paul Mosque Vandalism

WHEN: Monday, May 23, Noon-1 p.m.

WHERE: Outside Dawah Mosque, 605 Fairview Ave N, St Paul MN 55104

CONTACT: CAIR-MN Executive Director Jaylani Hussein, 612-406-0070, jhussein@cair.com; CAIR National Communications Director Ibrahim Hooper, 202-744-7726, ihooper@cair.com

CAIR has responded to a number of recent incidents targeting mosques nationwide.

Video: CAIR-Connecticut Seeks Public's Help in Identifying Mosque Vandal



Video: CAIR-Oregon Condemns Attempted Mosque Arson, Urges Community Support





Video: CAIR Calls for Hate Crime Probe of Va. Mosque Vandalism



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Washington, D.C., based CAIR is also urging houses of worship to take extra security precautions using CAIR **"Best Practices for Mosque and Community Safety"** booklet. The advice in CAIR's security publication is applicable to religious institutions of all faiths.

The booklet may be viewed at: <https://www.cair.com/mosque-and-community-safety/>

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CAIR-Minnesota Calls for Firing of Minneapolis Police Officer Who Shared White Supremacist Threats Against Cedar Riverside Neighborhood



CITYPAGES.COM

Minneapolis police officer urges looting of Cedar-Riverside, arresting press | City Pages

Update: MPD spokesman John Elder responded to City Pages on Saturday, saying, "Thank you for bringing this to our attention. This does not meet the..."

Ibrahim Hooper June 9, 2020 3:41 pm

(MINNEAPOLIS, MN, 6/9/20) - The Minnesota chapter of the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR-Minnesota) today called for the firing of Minneapolis Police Officer David Peña, who shared white supremacist threats against the predominately Muslim neighborhood of Cedar Riverside.

Officer Peña posted multiple racist posts, including one that has been shared by white supremacists targeting the predominately immigrant Muslim neighborhood. Those posts called for burning and looting of homes in the Cedar Riverside area.

SEE: Minneapolis police officer urges looting of Cedar-Riverside, arresting press

<http://www.citypages.com/news/minneapolis-police-officer-urges-looting-of-cedar-riverside-arresting-press/571046391>

"Officers promoting white supremacist threats and violence against communities of color should be disciplined swiftly through official action up to and including termination," said, **Jaylani Hussein, CAIR-Minnesota executive director**. "The actions of this officer were dangerous could have cost the lives of law-abiding citizens."

Hussein also called for an investigation of reports that law enforcement agencies officers knifed the tires of vehicles in at least two locations during the recent anti-racist protests in Minneapolis.

SEE: Officers slashed tires on vehicles parked amid Minneapolis protests, unrest

<https://www.starttribune.com/officers-slashed-tires-on-vehicles-parked-during-male>

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SEE: Officers slashed tires on vehicles parked amid Minneapolis protests, unrest

<https://www.startribune.com/officers-slashed-tires-on-vehicles-parked-during-mpls-protests-unrest/571105692/>

Yesterday, CAIR-Minnesota joined a collation of other civil rights organizations for a news conference in Minneapolis to outline specific recommendations from the community to address police brutality, misconduct and abuse of authority.

Video: CAIR-MN Joins Civil Rights Coalition in Offering Recommendations to Address Police Brutality



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CAIR-Minnesota Seeks Charges for Apparent White Supremacist 'Umbrella Man' Incitement of Violence During George Floyd Protests



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Minneapolis police say 'Umbrella Man' was a white supremacist trying to incite George Floyd rioting

by Ibrahim Hooper | July 29, 2020 | 2:04 pm

(MINNEAPOLIS, MN, 7/29/20) - The Minnesota chapter of the Council on American-Islamic Relations today (CAIR-Minnesota) today called for charges to be brought against a 32-year-old white supremacist suspected of vandalizing a Minneapolis auto parts store in the aftermath of the murder of George Floyd.

The suspected vandal, referred to as the "Umbrella Man," was seen smashing the store windows during the George Floyd murder protests. He is alleged to be a member of the Hells Angels biker gang, according to police. The suspect has been linked to an incident that occurred in Stillwater last month involving the harassment of a Muslim woman by a gang of white supremacists.

Police say the alleged vandal sparked violent riots that took place in Minneapolis and St. Paul for several days following Floyd's death. The investigation remains open and active, according to the Minneapolis Police Department.

CAIR-Minnesota condemns the vandal's actions and the white supremacist ideology of the Hell's Angels biker gang and called on city officials to hold those responsible

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SEE: Minneapolis police say 'Umbrella Man' was a white supremacist trying to incite George Floyd rioting

<https://www.startribune.com/police-umbrella-man-was-a-white-supremacist-trying-to-incite-floyd-rioting/571932272/>

"We denounce the suspected white supremacist vandal and his apparent motive of incitement," said CAIR-MN Executive Director Jaylani Hussein. "We call on city officials to join us in condemning his acts, investigate his motivation and possible associates and create the opportunity to rebuild and heal the damage to the communities that the suspected vandal targeted."

The Washington-based civil rights organization has reported an unprecedented spike in bigotry targeting American Muslims, immigrants and members of other minority groups since the election of Donald Trump as president.

CAIR and the American Muslim community are standing in solidarity with all those challenging anti-Black racism, Islamophobia, anti-Semitism, and white supremacy.

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CAIR, CAIR-Minnesota to Announce Lawsuit on Behalf of Jacob Letourneau-Elsharkawy's Estate Against Chisago Lakes School District



Ibrahim Hooper September 15, 2020 8:26 pm

(MINNEAPOLIS, MN, 9/15/20) - On **Wednesday September 16**, the Minnesota chapter of the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR-Minnesota) and the CAIR National Legal Defense Fund (CAIR LDF) will hold a press conference in Minneapolis, Minn., to announce the filing of a federal lawsuit on behalf of Jacob Letourneau-Elsharkawy's estate to seek justice for Jacob's family and to fight for positive changes in how Chisago Lakes School District and other schools in Minnesota address bullying.

SEE: Family Alleges Bullying Led to Teen's Suicide

Family Alleges Bullying Led To Teen's Suicide

WHAT: CAIR-Minnesota and CAIR LDF will announce a lawsuit on behalf of Jacob Letourneau-Elsharkawy's estate against Chisago Lakes School District

WHO: Faith El-Sharkawy (Jacob's mother) will attend with CAIR-MN and CAIR LDF

WHEN: Wednesday, September 16, 11:30 A.M. CT

WHERE: CAIR-MN Office, 2511 East Franklin, Minneapolis MN 55406

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WHEN: Wednesday, September 16, 11:30 A.M. CT

WHERE: CAIR-MN Office, 2511 East Franklin, Minneapolis MN 55406

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Jacob Letourneau-Elsharkawy, a Muslim high school student with special needs, died by suicide after school officials failed to provide him with a safe and supportive educational environment.

School officials allowed Jacob to be bullied and, on occasion, perpetrated the bullying themselves. Despite years of Islamophobic and ableist bullying punctuated by episodes of violence, Chisago Lakes School District chose to look the other way. **Discrimination on the basis of disability and religion are prohibited under state and federal law.**

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CAIR-Minnesota Calls for Arrest of Police Officers Involved in Choking Death of George Floyd in Minneapolis

**BREAKING** 1 HR NBCNEWS.COM**'I can't breathe': Man dies after pleading with officer during Minneapolis arrest**

by Ibrahim Hooper on May 26, 2020 at 12:54 pm

(MINNEAPOLIS, MN, 5/26/2020) - The Minnesota chapter of the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR-Minnesota) today called for the immediate arrest of the two Police officers involved in choking and killing George Floyd.

CAIR-Minnesota cited a video showing a white Minneapolis police officer kneeling on an African-American man's neck and ignoring the man's clear statement that he could not breathe. The man later died. FBI officials say they are investigating the incident.

Minneapolis Mayor Jacob Frey said he believes that race played a part in the incident. He said: "For five minutes, we watched a white officer press his knee into a black man's neck. Five minutes. When you hear someone calling for help, you're supposed to help. This officer failed in the most basic, human sense."

SEE: 'I can't breathe': Man dies after pleading with officer during Minneapolis arrest

<https://www.nbcnews.com/news/us-news/man-dies-after-pleading-i-can-t-breathe-during-arrest-n1214586>

Black Man Dies After Minneapolis Police Officer Kneels On His Neck During Arrest

<https://www.bet.com/news/national/2020/05/26/black-man-dies-after-minneapolis-police-officer-kneels-on-neck.html>

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FBI, BCA investigating in-custody death of man in south Minneapolis

<https://www.startribune.com/man-dies-in-mpls-after-video-shows-officer-kneeling-on-neck/570763352/>

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Hussein added that there is enough video evidence that the officers involved in this case be immediately arrested pending appropriate charges.

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CAIR-Minnesota Condemns Nazi-Swastika Mask Incident in Southwestern Minnesota



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Couple flaunt swastika face masks at southwestern Minnesota Walmart

Ibrahim Hooper July 26, 2020 8:42 pm

(MINNEAPOLIS, MN, 7/26/20) - The Minnesota chapter of the Council on American-Islamic Relations today (CAIR-Minnesota) tonight condemned an incident in Marshall, Minn., in which two Walmart shoppers wore Nazi swastikas on their face masks.

CAIR-MN denounced the couple's offensive actions and called on Walmart and public officials to repudiate the hate represented by the customers' actions.

On Saturday, police officers were called to the Marshall Walmart in response to a report that two shoppers were wearing masks depicting Nazi swastikas. Other customers confronted the couple, and one shopper posted a video of the interaction on Facebook. Law enforcement authorities served the swastika-wearing couple trespass notices and they departed without charges being brought against them.

SEE: Couple flaunt swastika face masks at southwestern Minnesota Walmart

<https://www.startribune.com/couple-flaunts-swastika-facemasks-at-marshall-walmart/571909142/?refresh=true>

"We denounce this hate symbol and all hate speech targeting the Jewish community and stand in solidarity with those impacted by the bigotry these individuals displayed," said **CAIR-MN Executive Director Jaylani Hussein**. "All Americans must work to dismantle the systemic racism that continues to target minority communities."

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The Washington-based civil rights organization has reported an unprecedented spike in bigotry targeting American Muslims, immigrants and members of other minority groups since the election of Donald Trump as president.

SEE: CAIR-LA Denounces Racist Confrontation Involving Nazi Salute in Torrance

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KTTLA/5
"We were in shock": Cellphone video of racist confrontation on Torrance street sparks hate crime...

(LOS ANGELES, CA – 7/24/2020) – The Greater Los Angeles Area office of the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR-LA), part of the nation's largest Muslim civil rights and advocacy organization, today denounced an alleged hate crime at a stoplight in Torrance during which two people were the targets of a racist rant. According to KTLA/5, Itzel ...

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(WASHINGTON, D.C., 7/23/20) – The Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR), the nation's largest Muslim civil rights and advocacy organization, today condemned President Trump's decision to retweet an anti-Muslim bigot critical of former vice president Joe Biden for engaging in outreach to American Muslim voters and pledging to end the Muslim Ban. Trump retweeted a July 21st post by ...

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CAIR and the American Muslim community are standing in solidarity with all those challenging anti-Black racism, Islamophobia, anti-Semitism, and white supremacy.

Video: CAIR Director Nihad Awad Speaks at Unveiling of Black Lives Matter Banner





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CAIR Condemns Police Violence Against Protesters, Media and Bystanders Amid National Unrest



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Police Erupt in Violence Nationwide

From New York to Los Angeles, police officers escalated the national unrest.

Ibrahim Hooper May 31, 2020 11:40 am

CAIR-Minnesota to join coalition news conference on media coverage of protests, rally to demand arrest of all officers

(WASHINGTON, DC, 5/31/2020) - The Council on American-Islamic Relations, the nation's largest Muslim civil rights and advocacy organization, today condemned numerous incidents of police brutality that have occurred during nationwide protests sparked by George Floyd's murder in Minneapolis, Minn.

SEE: Police Erupt in Violence Nationwide

SEE ALSO: Journalists Detail Being Hit By Rubber Bullets, Attacked While Covering Nationwide Protests

NYPD Officer Rams into Crowd of George Floyd Protesters in Brooklyn

In a statement, **CAIR National Deputy Director Edward Ahmed Mitchell** said:

"Engaging in police brutality at a protest against police brutality is a surefire way to escalate the unrest occurring on streets across our nation. The imposition of a curfew does not give any police officer free reign to gas, beat, shoot rubber bullets at, or otherwise attack protesters and journalists."

"Although we are not surprised to see that extremists and infiltrators continue to use peaceful protests as an opportunity to engage in violence, we expect and demand better from the law enforcement officers sworn to serve and protect their communities."

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[MEDIA ADVISORY: Later today, CAIR's Minnesota chapter and coalition partners will take part in a noon news conference at the State Capitol to discuss media coverage and official statements on the protests.

WHAT: Coalition News Conference on Media Coverage of Protests

WHEN: Sunday, May 31, 12 p.m.

WHERE: State Capitol, 75 Rev Dr Martin Luther King Jr Boulevard, St Paul, MN

On **Monday, June 1**, CAIR-Minnesota plans to take part in a rally at the Governor's Mansion to renew the demand for the arrest of all officers involved in the killing of George Floyd.

WHAT: Rally to Call for Arrest of All Officers involved in George Floyd Killing

WHEN: Monday, June 1, 4-6 p.m.

WHERE: Governor's Mansion, 1006 Summit Ave, St. Paul, MN

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Coalition organizations include **CAIR-Minnesota**, Black Lives Matter Minnesota, Black Lives Matter Twin Cities Metro, Communities United Against Police Brutality, Cop Watch Minneapolis, Minnesota Disability Justice Network, Twin Cities Coalition for Justice for Jamal, and others.]

CAIR-Minnesota has called on prosecutors in Minnesota to end the nationwide unrest by immediately arresting and charging the three other police officers involved in the death of George Floyd.

SEE: CAIR-Minnesota Calls for Arrest of All Officers Involved in George Floyd Killing, Asks That No Bail Be Granted

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CAIR's Oregon chapter also issued a joint statement against the curfew in Portland.

SEE: CAIR-Oregon and OJRC Joint-Statement Opposing Portland Curfew

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The implementation of a curfew in Portland as a response to protests is an attack on our rights. This is a critical moment to confront police violence and brutality, protect black life, and support necessary healing for our communities of color through systematic reforms and resources. Instead, elected and public officials are responding to this ... Continue reading





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CAIR-Minnesota Calls on Stillwater Officials to Ensure Safety of Minorities After Biker Harassment of Muslim Mother and Child



CITYPAGES.COM

'Aryan Cowboy Brotherhood' bikers spotted in Stillwater, Minnesota | City Pages

[Ibrahim Hooper](#) [June 29, 2020](#) [1:39 pm](#)

(MINNEAPOLIS, MN, 6/29/20) - The Minnesota chapter of the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR-Minnesota) today called on public and law enforcement officials in Stillwater, Minn., to take concrete actions to ensure the safety of members of the Muslim and other minority communities after bikers allegedly harassed and intimidated a Muslim mother and her child.

Stillwater police are investigating the incident in which the Muslim mother and her four-year-old daughter were reportedly intimidated by a motorcycle gang wearing jackets that read "Aryan Cowboys." The "very visible Muslim woman" was having dinner Saturday evening in downtown Stillwater when the bikers allegedly made it clear they did not want her there and "tried to intimidate her." The Muslim mother and her daughter were escorted to her car by restaurant staff and a police officer.

SEE: 'Aryan Cowboy Brotherhood' bikers hung out in downtown Stillwater

<http://www.citypages.com/news/aryan-cowboy-brotherhood-bikers-hung-out-in-downtown-stillwater/571541181>

Muslim Woman in Stillwater Said Bikers Made Her Uncomfortable

<https://patch.com/minnesota/stillwater/stillwater-police-investigating-aryan-cowboys-incident>

Stillwater investigating harassment complaint involving 'Aryan Cowboy' biker gang

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Stillwater police are investigating a Muslim woman's claim that she was harassed by white supremacists in downtown Stillwater on Saturday night.Sophia Rashid, of Minneapolis, told police that she was eating dinner with her 4-year-old daughter on the outdoor patio at Leo's Grill and Malt Shop in downtown Stillwater when a group of men wearing black ... Continue reading

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